Mysore District.—No change. Markets are well supplied, but the prices remain about the same.

Tumkur District.—The situation remains unchanged. The price of ragi ranges from Rs. 70 to Rs. 75 per cart-load of 640 seers, and that of paddy between Rs. 65 and Rs. 75 per cart-load. Burma rice was being sold in the Depots at Tumkur, Gubbi, Tiptur, Maddagiri and Pavagada and Turuvekere.

Kolar District.—Burma rice is being sold in all the Government Depots of the district and the January allotment is under distribution. There are some signs of prices going down which appears to be due more to the gold market affecting the price of most commodities than to any other cause in particular.

The *Vaisakhi* paddy crop has been attacked by the pest "Kembatti Roga" in several parts of the district.

Hassan District.—The *santhes* were fairly well supplied, but ragi is not so freely coming into the market as rice. Large stocks of paddy and rice still continue to be exported to Bangalore and other places in the State. From the Hassan Railway Station alone as much as 857 bags of paddy, 547 bags and 727 pallas of rice were exported mostly to Bangalore.

Standing crops such as sugar-cane and *Kar paddy* are in a good condition.

Prices still continue to be high.

The prospects of the season are generally good for the present.

Shimoga District.—There has been no material change in the food situation in the district.

Rice of the second sort is reported to have been sold at the last Aynur fair at 5 seers per rupee and in the Sorab Taluk at $4\frac{3}{4}$ to 5 seers as against 5 to $5\frac{1}{4}$ seers in the previous fair.

Kadur District.—The markets were well supplied with food stuffs, but their prices ruled high as usual. Ragi was sold at Chikmagalur and Kadur at 9 seers a rupee as against 8 seers in the last week. At Koppa it was sold at $8\frac{1}{2}$ seers, *i.e.*, $1\frac{1}{2}$ seers more than that of the previous week. At Tarikere, rice was sold at $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 seers a rupee as against 5 to $5\frac{1}{2}$ seers in the last week.

Wheat is being harvested in parts of Chikmagalur and Kadur, its yield being estimated at 8 annas. Paddy is also harvested at Mudgere and Narasimharajapura and their yield is reported to be 8 and 12 annas respectively. Ragi is harvested at Mudgere with an yield of 8 annas.

Chitaldrug District.—The prices of food grains have slightly gone down. Ragi, jola, (mungar) and navane are all selling at almost the same price, *viz.*, Rs. 10 a palla.

Horse gram also has gone down in price and is selling at Rs. 10 to Rs. 11 a palla.

General (By Food Controller).—The general situation throughout the State, remains almost unchanged. The markets all over have been receiving enough of supplies. The prices have remained almost steady. In the Tumkur District and Bangalore City, the price of ragi shows a tendency to go down. The prices of food grains in the Chitaldrug District especially at the frontier are somewhat better than those prevailing in the interior of the State.

The Burma rice imported against February allotment, the whole of which had arrived in Madras before the end of last week, is still being despatched to the several stations and it is expected that the despatch of the whole of it will be completed within a week's time. This rice is now being sold in the Bangalore City at 5 seers a rupee.

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Relinquished Coffee Lands.

READ—

Letter No. C. 228—Gl. 19-20, dated 6—7th January 1920, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, stating that it is reported that a number of applications has been received in the Hassan District for the grant of relinquished coffee lands which are assessed and are overgrown with lantana under the rules for the extirpation of lantana published with Government Order No. R. 3298-3322—L. R. 508-09-2, dated 16th November 1910, and that the rules do not make any distinction between relinquished coffee lands and other assessed waste

lands and enquiring if Rule 5 of these rules which empowers the Deputy Commissioners to grant to the applicants free of assessment for 12 years assessed waste lands overgrown with lantana can be made applicable to the assessed relinquished coffee lands also, and whether it modifies Rule 6 A of Appendix E of Land Revenue Rules requiring sanction of the Revenue Commissioner for the grant of relinquished coffee lands of any are a and assessment.

ORDER No. R. 10791-9—L. R. 280-19-2, DATED 18TH MARCH 1920.

Government are pleased to direct that the case of relinquished coffee lands should continue to be governed by Rule 6 A of Appendix E of the Land Revenue Rules though they may happen to be overgrown with lantana and that their disposal should continue to vest in the Revenue Commissioner.

B. RAMASWAMAIYA,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

To—The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District.
The Deputy Commissioners of other Districts.

Revision of list of Date reserves.

Government Order No. Fl. 9850-1—S. R. 134-15-3, dated 25th September 1916, directing the revision of list of date reserves with a view to surrender such of the reserves as are not required for the Excise Department for cultivation.

2. The marginally noted paragraph 5 (*a*) of the Dewan's tour notes in the Tumkur, Hassan and Kadur Districts in the month of January 1919 *re* the surrender of certain date reserves in the Kunigal Taluk to the Revenue Department for purposes of cultivation.

Kunigal.—There is a large extent of land included in date reserves but containing few date trees fit for tapping which may be made available for cultivation, The question should be dealt with under the scheme of revision of date reserves.

3. Correspondence ending with letter No. Gc. 275-18, dated 4—10th December 1919, from the Excise Commissioner in Mysore, submitting with reference to the above, letter No, 265, dated 1st December 1919, from the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District, forwarding a copy of the list showing the details of survey numbers of the date reserves proposed to be transferred to the Revenue Department for purposes of cultivation and stating that he is in agreement with the views of the Deputy Commissioner.

ORDER No. R. 10692-6—Ex. 18-18-36, DATED 16TH MARCH 1920.

Government are pleased to accept the above proposal and to direct that the extent of date reserves referred to in the appended statement be made over to the Revenue Department for purposes of cultivation. The Excise Commissioner is requested to take action accordingly. The Revenue Commissioner should, with the help of the Superintendent of Survey, adopt the necessary measures for the demarcation of the areas, sub-division of the lands and making them available for cultivation.

2. A report on the progress made in the matter should be submitted to Government once a quarter by the Excise Commissioner and the Revenue Commissioner.

4. The Excise Commissioner's proposal *re* similar surrenders of date reserves in the other districts of the State is awaited.

B. RAMASWAMAIYA,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

To—The Excise Commissioner in Mysore.
The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Settlements in Mysore.
The Comptroller to Government.
The Secretary, Agricultural Committee.
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